

### REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending in this application, with claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 currently under examination. By this amendment, claims 1-2 and 4-7 are currently amended, claim 8 is cancelled, and claim 9 is added.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect species III without traverse. However, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 are generic and that claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 read on the elected species. With respect to claim 6 and 7, it is noted that the reference numerals recited in these claims are depicted in figures 5a and 5b, and these figures correspond to the elected species III. Thus, claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 should be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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